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Title: Mechanism for Efficient
Scheduling of
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 2, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 1 & 2 to add a "Prior Art" designation as shown in the enclosed drawing replacement sheets.